some of the bottling plants of Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL). There was also an interruption in production for about 13 hours at one of the bottling plants of Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL) at Coimbatore, which is rail fed owing to safety inspection of tracks by the Railway Authorities.

(c) The strike was called by the Transport Associations for modification/ deletion of certain terms and conditions in the tender floated recently by the OMCs. However, after the intervention of the Minister, at which various details were explained to the representatives of the transporters, the strike was called off on the 22nd July 2005.

Separate department for energy

1677. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any plan to create a separate Department for energy within the Ministry;

(b) if so, the reasons for creating a separate Department for energy; and

(c) whether the Public Sector Undertakings are also going to be bifurcated between the Ministry and the proposed new Department?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Jagadishpur-Haldia Pipeline Project

1678. SHRI CHITTABRATA MAJUMDAR: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether GAIL has any plans to lay gas pipeline from Jagadishpur to Kolkata/Haldia;

(b) if so, the details of the same; and

(c) the project cost, anticipated time for completion and tentative zero-date for commencement of the project?